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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2002 and the Interview Summary mailed October 31, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

No claims have been amended with this Response.

1. An inkjet printing system configured for receiving a replaceable ink container, the replaceable ink container having ink extraction characteristics that vary with ink extraction, the inkjet printing system comprising:

an ink extraction control device for determining ink extracted from the replaceable ink container and for selecting an ink usage rate print mode from a plurality of different ink usage rate print modes based on ink extraction characteristics of the replaceable ink container.

2. The inkjet printing system of claim 1, wherein the ink extraction control device selects the ink usage rate print mode for selectively pausing printing to reduce an average ink usage rate.

3. An inkjet printing system configured for receiving a replaceable ink container, the replaceable ink container having ink extraction characteristics that vary with ink extraction, the inkjet printing system comprising:

an ink extraction control device for determining ink extracted from the replaceable ink container and for selecting a print mode from a plurality of different print modes based on ink